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A C C O U N T I N G M E C H A N I S M

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1. AS AGREED IN REFS A AND B, WE RAISED DISIRABILITY OF ALLIED  
AUTHORITIES CONTINUING BURDENS H A R I N G D A T A C O L L E C T I O N O N N A T I O N A L ,  
C O N T I N G E N C Y B A S I S A T S E P T . 4 E C O N A D M E E T I N G . A S P R E A R R A N G E D ,  
C H A I R M A N B I L L Y S U P P O R T E D S U G G E S T I O N .

2. B E L G I A N E C O N A D E S S E N T I A L L Y R E I T E R A T E D  
C O M M E N T S O F H I S A M B A S S A D O R I N M A Y N A C ( R E F C ) , P O I N T I N G  
O U T T H A T A N E X C H A N G E O F D A T A O N S U C H A " N A R R O W " I S S U E M I G H T B E  
C O N S I D E R E D A " N E G A T I V E " E X E R C I S E B Y S O M E M E M B E R S O F T H E A L L I A N C E ,  
P A R T I C U L A R L Y I N C E R E C E N T F - 1 6 P R O C U R E M E N T D E C I S I O N S S H O U L D G O F A R  
T O W A R D R E M O V I N G P R E V I O U S C O N G R E S S I O N A L C O N C E R N S A B O U T  
I M B A L A N C E O F P A Y M E N T S . G R A N T E D , S O M E W H A T S I M I L A R E X C H A N G E S O F  
D A T A C O U L D B E I M P O R T A N T I N I M P L E M E N T I N G T H E " T W O - W A Y S T R E E T "  
C O N C E P T , A N D T H I S W O U L D T H E N B E A " P O S I T I V E " E X E R C I S E .

3. T H E F R E N C H E C O N A D A G R E E D W I T H T H E B E L G I A N A N D Q U E S T I O N E D  
C O N F I D E N T I A L

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W H E T H E R , T A K I N G A C C O U N T O F T H E P R E V I O U S H I S T O R Y O F T H E D A T A  
C O L L E C T I O N P R O J E C T , E C O N A D S W A S T H E P R O P E R V E N U E F O R F U T H E R  
D I S C U S S I O N O F T H E P O I N T . H E A L S O Q U E S T I O N E D W H E T H E R T H A T D A Y ' S  
D I S C U S S I O N W O U L D F I G U R E I N T H E " D E C I S I O N S H E E T " F O R T H E M E E T I N G .

IF SO, HE WOULD HAVE TO ASK THAT GOF OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSAL BE REFLECTED.

4. WE REITERATED THAT WE WERE ONLY SUGGESTING AT THIS TIME THAT MEMBERS CONTINUE PREVIOUS COLLECTION EFFORT ON A NATIONAL BASIS SO THAT, IF SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS MADE IT DESIRABLE, THE DATA WOULD BE AVAILABLE. IN LIGHT OF BELGIAN AND FRENCH COMMENTS WE FELT MATTER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED OFF-THE RECORD. BELGIAN ECONAD CONCLUDED BY COMMENTING THAT IT SEEMED CLEAR TO HIM THAT ALLIES CONCERNED WOULD NOT LET THE COLLECTION MECHANISM WITHER, SINCE THE DATA COULD HAVE OTHER USES AS WELL.

5. FRENCH ECONAD, AFTER ADJOURNMENT, WAS ALMOST APOLOGETIC ABOUT NECESSITY OF AVOIDING OFFICIAL MENTION IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (AS DISTINCT FROM ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE) RECORD, OF THE DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITY.

6. SUBSEQUENTLY WE MET BILATERALLY WITH UK, DUTCH, NORWEGIAN, GERMAN, AND ITALIAN REPS. ALL HAD REPORTED OUR INTERVENTION TO CAPITALS BUT, EXCEPT FOR GERMANS, NONE HAD AS YET RECEIVED SPECIFIC GUIDANCE. ON PERSONAL BASIS ALL (EXCEPT GERMAN) ECHOED THE BELGIAN VIEW EXPRESSED IN THE MEETING THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THE DATA COLLECTION EFFORT WOULD BE MAINTAINED IN CAPITALS AND THAT DATA, IF NEEDED, COULD BE GENERATED.

7. ONLY SOUR NOTE THUS FAR HAS BEEN FROM GERMANS. GERMAN ECONAD REFERRED US TO ANOTHER GERMAN MISSION OFFICER WHO HAD SAT ON AD HOC "BURDENSARING" GROUP ORGANIZED BY ECONOMIC DIRECTOR. THIS OFFICER (MASSBERG) WAS AWAY ON LEAVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 22,

BUT HIS ASSISTANT SAID THAT REPORT OF OUR COMMENTS HAD DRAWN RESPONSE FROM BONN THAT FRG DID NOT BELIEVE NATIONAL COLLECTION SYSTEMS SHOULD BE CONTINUED. RATHER THAN GO INTO DETAIL, ASSISTANT ASKED US TO SPEAK FURTHER WITH MASSBERG UPON HIS RETURN.

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8. COMMENT: WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE OUR BILATERAL SOUNDINGS AND WILL REPORT DEVELOPMENTS. NEVERTHELESS, WE ASSUME THAT THE PURPOSE OF REFTELS HAS BEEN SERVED AND THAT THE ALLIES ARE ONCE MORE ON NOTICE THAT THE US MAY AGAIN NEED DATA OF THE SORT PREVIOUSLY COLLECTED. IN THE ABSENCE OF A MORE CONCRETE REQUIREMENT FOR SUCH DATA, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE CONTRA-PRODUCTIVE FOR US TO HAMMER THE POINT FURTHER HERE AT THIS TIME. LATER, IF AND WHEN WE HAVE A CLEARER REQUIREMENT (WHICH MAY BE PROVIDED BY GERMAN RELUCTANCE TO NEGOTIATE ON OFFSET, IF PRESS REPORTS ARE ACCURATE) THE MATTER COULD BE RAISED BILATERALLY IN CAPITALS OR WE COULD REVERT TO IT HERE. BRUCE

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